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Remarks

Claims 1,2,4,9-12 and 15 have been cancelled and the subject matter contained in claims 4 and 15 shown to contain allowable subject matter respectively rewritten as new independent claims 17 and 19 without the introduction of new matter. Claims 3 and 5 have been made to depend on claim 17 while claims 13, 14 and 16 have been made to depend on claim 19 and as a result are also be allowable.

New independent claim 18 is based on the subject matter as originally disclosed in claim 11 and defines over the prior art and in particular Loken and the function of the adjuster mechanism. Claim 18 clearly defines a telescopic portion that is compressible along an axis of braking upon a braking force exceeding a predetermined value to limit an increase in the braking force by increasing the spacing between the brake shoe ends and the force limiting mechanism functions to limit a further increase in the brake actuation force by effecting a compensating decrease in the spacing of the brake shoe second ends. Neither the structure or function is disclosed or suggested by Loken and as a result this claim reads over this reference and any other reference that could be combined there with.

This amendment places this application in condition for allowance.

Should the examiner have any concerns with respect to the amendment applicant would appreciate a telephone call to discuss such concerns. .

Respectfully Submitted

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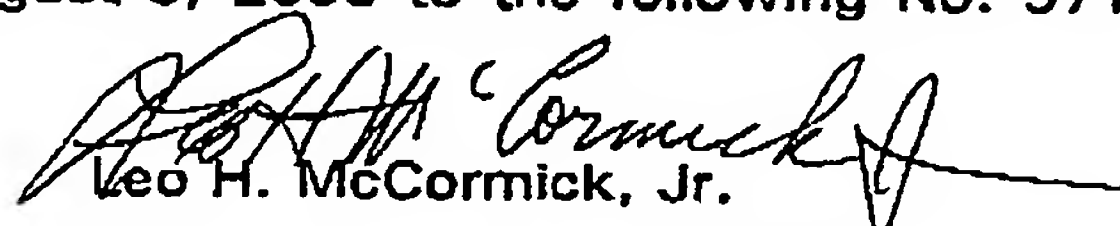


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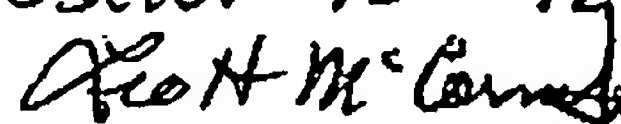
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